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SUBJ: PROPOSED UN SALARY INCREASE

REF: STATE 249415

1. DCM CALLED ON ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (LENNOX BALLAH) NOVEMBER 18 TO PRESENT THE U.S. POSITION CONTAINED IN REFTEL ON THE PROPOSED SALARY INCREASE FOR UN STAFF MEMBERS AND TO DELIVER THE AIDE MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL.

2. BALLAH WAS PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE GENERAL ISSUE HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE 1971 DELIBERATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE ON THE SAME SUBJECT AND WAS GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC WITH THE U.S. POSITION. THE GOTT HAD WAVERED ON THE ISSUE IN 1971 HE SAID, AT LEAST PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF CONCERN THAT VERY HIGH UN SALARIES MIGHT DRAW HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND TRAINED PEOPLE OUT OF THE T&T DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE GOTT PLACED MORE EMPHASIS ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE THAN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE THAT CONSIDERATION

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OF A SALARY INCREASE WAS IMMINENT. BALLAH SAID THAT HE

WOULD BE PROMPTLY IN CONTACT WITH THE T&T REPRESENTATIVE
IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, FOR A REPORT
AND INSTRUCTIONS.

COMMENT: WHILE NO COMMITMENT WAS MADE, WE BELIEVE GOTT
WILL INSTRUCT THOMAS TO VOTE AGAINST SALARY INCREASES.
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